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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventors: JERRY C. SOCIER, ROGER R. FELSKE and ALLAN R. BADOUR

or: Invention: MULTI-BRANCH FITTING AND METHOD OF FABRICATING

Enclosed are:

- (1) Seven sheets of drawings.
- (2) Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney.
- (3) Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- (4) Information Disclosure Statement.
- (5) Assignment.

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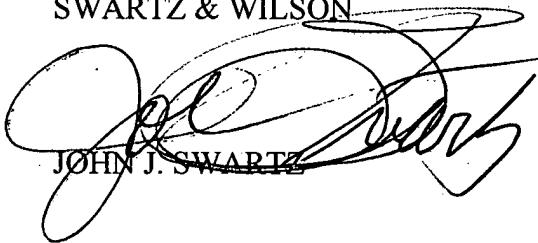
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Yours very truly,

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